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KUHIO'S SELF-EMBARRASSMENT.

The position our Delegate to Congress finds himself in over his ill-advised attack upon the integrity of Governor Frear illustrates very nicely the difficulties that follow public utterances when the speaker fails to take the time to secure the facts. In this case, after the situation had been explained to him, there has been a frank and manly withdrawal of the charge of misrepresentation, Kuhio taking a position that his friends expected of him. That he has done great injury to his candidacy and his party, however, can not be denied, and his explanation will not undo all the mischief.

There has been much previous misrepresentation of the attitude and actions of Governor Frear on other public questions. Take the matter of the Kapaa lands, concerning which the Bulletin attempted to hammer the Governor, persisting in its attack for days after the Governor had explained the whole matter, while the explanations were systematically suppressed.

Yesterday this same journal backed up Kuhio's charges against the Governor. Now that Kuhio has withdrawn them, it will be interesting to watch whether the Bulletin will also apologize or will keep up the attack on its own account.

SCHOOLS AND SPORTS.

An editorial writer in "Black and Gold," the official organ of the high school students, resents the criticisms made by The Advertiser concerning the conduct of players and partisans at a recent McKinley-Punahou football game. At that game, as was reported, and the reports verified subsequently, the use of profanity among the players and along the sidelines was a distinguishing feature of the match, while the playing was distinguished by an evident desire on the part of the contestants to "do each other up" and play football incidentally. This disgraceful state of affairs was commented on, and very properly, by the representative of The Advertiser on the ground, who saw and heard what he described. In this connection it may be said that the reporter is not an opponent of the gridiron game as played here, as suggested by Black and Gold, and has never seen a game of Rugby in his life.

The general standard of sports in Honolulu has sunk to a low level, something to be very much regretted, and it is to such organizations as the athletic clubs of Punahou, the high school, Kamehameha, and such institutions that we must look for examples of higher things. There is more in a football game than the final score; there is a greater good to be obtained from training than a muscular development; there is more than noise in a college yell. These things, our young friends at the high school may not yet have learned. To keep one's temper under stress, to scorn the use of foul tactics, to accept discipline, to fight on to the end even in the face of certain defeat, these are the lessons to be learned on the football field and carried into after life with profit. Who cares outside of a small circle whether McKinley or Punahou won the game? What difference does it make? What does matter, is whether those who took part came out of it creditably, as gentlemen, and as true sportsmen.

Neither the traditions nor the trainings of Punahou and the high school favor anything but fairness and true manhood. If the students are true to their schools and true to their training, they can be guilty of no conduct unbecoming a student and a gentleman.

CHRISTMAS BUYING.

When Christmas shopping is done early, we are in a condition of mind better to enter into the spirit of the holiday. It is a time for peace and good will toward mankind, not a time for rush and worry to provide for somebody overlooked. It is well to make plans far ahead, to look about and provide what is to be provided when we have sufficient time for deliberation. Christmas shopping is a great pleasure if it is done deliberately and in the right spirit. If it is postponed until the last day or two, the rush and confusion detract from the enjoyment.

The stores of Honolulu are already well stocked with Christmas goods. Windows have taken on the Christmas look, and, in fact, a good many persons are quietly doing their shopping now. They are taking advantage of an opportunity to see the new goods and make their selections from a large stock.

Now the shopper receives attention from clerks that it may be difficult later to give. When the final rush begins, the clerks can not always display articles as fully as they would like, and as customers would like. Then buying has something of the hit and miss about it. Really it is not very complimentary to persons remembered if we wait until the last hour to find a present.

Three American steamships are to sail from this port for the mainland within the week, having combined passenger accommodations, it is reported, for three hundred people. Travel is naturally light at this particular season, most people so arranging their plans as to be at home on Christmas. Yet, if one-quarter of those who wanted to come to Hawaii during the last three months and couldn't, on account of the restrictions of the coastwise law, had been allowed to come, the chances are that the three steamers to depart would carry full lists. The fact that a steamer may sail away from Hawaii with empty cabins while there are people paying extra for cabins to come down, and only getting about one out of three wanted then, only aggravates the case. The one who thinks there should be a larger number of departing than arriving passengers at this port has a very peculiar idea of what makes a city grow.

While considering the question of Christmas presents, the fact that a year's membership in the Honolulu Library is inexpensive and of much practical value should not be forgotten. The privilege of drawing from the carefully selected reading matter in the local library, judiciously taken advantage of, is something of more than transitory benefit. During those years when youth has the leisure for reading and when characters are forming, much depends upon the class of literature made available. Good books form tastes for the best; trashy ones too often implant ideas and ideals that are never outlived.

ORPHEUM BILL

IS A GOOD ONE

Jack Golden and his company at the Orpheum last evening presented another new bill made up of vaudeville acts and a one act musical farce entitled "The Baron from Berlin."

Mr. Golden has less to do in this show than in any of those previously presented but he surprised his audience, when he dropped his comedy cloak entirely and recited with a great deal of feeling a song soliloquy on life called "Life's Story." Mrs. Golden emerged from her role of feeder to play a character comedy part of a talkative old maid and her mining trip of a walk and coy movements caused ripples of laughter every time she moved.

The other women of the company carried the whole of the vaudeville bill and the most of the musical numbers in the farce. Anna Clark and Rose Roberts opened the vaudeville with a Scotch number in which Miss Clark did a burlesque highland fling that was extremely funny. Cecile Stewart, with her Titian hair, dressed in a becoming schoolgirl fashion sang "My Pal, Sal," and "Spooky Time," and Phemie Edwards closed the vaudeville by singing an Irish dirge followed by "Billy's Awfully Good to Me."

There are several good catchy musical numbers introduced during the action of the farce one of which, "Nagdy Eyes," as sung by Miss Edwards set all of the boys in the house whistling. Golfer—The day I get round these links in under a hundred I'll give you a shilling. Sandy. Juvenile Caddie—How will I want it when I'm drawing me auld-age pension?—Punch.

PRESENTS A LITTLE BILL TO SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Aylett has been hit by a bolt from the hand of a tax-collecting Jove and is now holding silent communion with a tax bill amounting to a total of \$34.70. The hard-hearted man with the duty of replenishing the coffers of the government to which, as a former member of the band, Aylett has not been himself liable to contribution, has garnished his salary of \$50 a month as a supervisor and overlooked his princely munificence as night watchman of the Capitol.

FORCED TO POSTPONE THE PRIORY OPENING

The invitations that have been issued for the scheduled opening of the St. Andrew's Priory, next Thursday, have been recalled, as the opening has been indefinitely postponed owing to the bad health of Bishop Restarick. The decision was reached with regret, as there has been much planning for the event, but the state of the Bishop's health is such as to keep him from attending, should it be held on that date. Doctors have advised an operation as an aid to quicker recovery.

"Who is the blindfolded party with the pair of scissos?" asked the stranger in the art gallery. "That represents justice." "Oh! I thought it was a sugar weigher."—Washington Star.

HOODLUM GANG TO BE ROUNDED UP

Complaints have been coming into the police station recently about a certain tough Hotel street gang that has long been a disturbing element. This gang, headed by would-be pugilists and hangers-on of the prize-fight bunch, has been making a practice of terrorizing the night man in Bill Warham's restaurant and doing just about what they pleased. One of their stunts is to ring up automobile garages and order autos sent to the homes of prominent local people or to their business offices. On Saturday night one of them drove up to the restaurant with a back full of women and ordered sandwiches for six. He took these out on a plate and drove away without paying. These tough youngsters have been warned that, if they are not good in future, something will happen to them.

For a long time these young huns have been making a nuisance of themselves round Hotel street. Their favorite stunt is to stand near some of the moving picture shows, and make remarks about every woman that passes. They also make a practice of hustling people in the crowd that comes out of the theaters. The police will take active steps to stop this tough business and the first overt signs of that kind of work will result in prompt arrests. It is about time.

Asked for Time.

Twenty-one alleged gamblers were brought into the police court yesterday morning. Their cases were called. C. F. Chillingworth, who represented them all, asking for a postponement until Wednesday. This was granted.

Sunday Drunks.

The Saturday night and Sunday drunks were up before the police court yesterday morning. Two of them forfeited their bail but the rest appeared and were fined.

He Would Beat Her.

One Manuel Silva was arrested yesterday morning for beating a lady friend. Said lady friend's name is Mary Hennessy and Manuel was taking the liberty of delivering a good beating to her with one hand, while the other was entwined in her hair. This took place close to the brewery. Neither the management of the brewery nor the neighbors approved of this conduct and so the police were called for. Mary greatly resented the intrusion of the police but Manuel was fined for his little beating exhibition, just the same.

OLD LEHI MAY

HAVE MORE GUNS

(Continued from Page One.) had more or less experience with military and naval matters are still of the belief that, although the mortar battery now known as Battery Harlow, may remain where it is, a new battery will be recommended for the interior of the crater.

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